ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

Released: June 12, 2002

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE/USDA



10800 Financial Centre Pkwy., Suite 110 Little Rock, AR 72211

Phone: (501) 228-9926 http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/

ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.8 million during the week ending June 8, 2002. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and up 5 percent from the previous week, and included 3.0 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through June 8, 2002 were 558.2 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

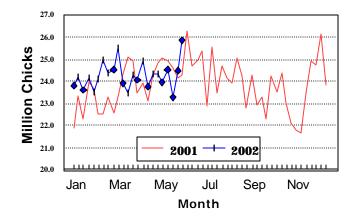
The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.0 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.5 percent.

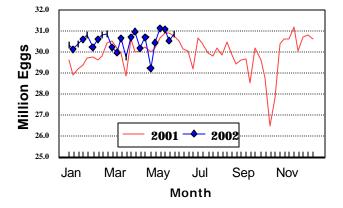
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 8, 2002, up slightly from the same period last year, and up 1 percent from the previous week.

	NET I	PLACEME	NTS	CHICI	KS HATC	HED	EGGS SET			
Week Ending	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	
	1,0	000		1,0	000		1,			
May 4	24,824	24,356	98	24,919	25,694	103	30,017	29,253	97	
May 11	25,067	23,986	96	25,054	25,216	101	30,173	30,436	101	
May 18	24,954	24,545	98	25,092	25,713	102	30,645	31,108	102	
May 25	24,590	23,262	95	24,893	24,415	98	30,896	31,069	101	
June 1	24,144	24,514	102	25,100	25,320	101	30,900	30,531	99	
June 8	24,301	25,846	106	25,523	25,986	102	30,740	30,870	100	

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001 - 2002

EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002





BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
STATE	18-May	25-May	01-Jun	08-Jun	%	04-May	11-May	18-May	25-May	01-Jun	08-Jun	%
Alabama	29,469 *	29,963	29,510	29,497	100	22,398	22,425	22,408	22,923	22,280	22,467	106
ARKANSAS	31,108	31,069	30,531	30,870	100	24,356	23,986	24,545	23,262	24,514	25,846	106
Delaware	3,736	3,741	3,666	3,400	98	5,287	6,096	4,473	5,577	5,847	5,677	92
Florida	2,403	2,383	2,362	2,371	97	2,377	2,160	2,302	2,307	2,349	2,315	94
Georgia	32,823	32,644	32,688*		101	26,204	26,533	25,853	25,272	26,893 *	26,543	104
Kentucky	6,698	7,001	6,931 *	6,910	114	5,513	5,493	5,326	5,810	5,319 *	5,539	116
Maryland	10,053	10,030	10,052	9,930	101	6,176	5,399	6,407	6,018	5,368	5,901	109
Mississippi	19,212	19,161	19,280	19,320	101	16,013	15,569	15,169	16,034	15,554	16,183	102
N. Carolina	19,799 *	19,419	19,859	19,980	107	15,213	15,708	15,565	15,370	15,453	15,912	110
Oklahoma	6,745	6,769	6,687	6,836	108	3,444	5,395	4,500	5,210	4,815	4,821	98
Pennsylvania	3,871	3,991*	3,983 *	3,927	102	2,734	2,720	2,702	2,740 *	2,527 *	2,733	99
S. Carolina	4,805	4,836	4,871	4,723	95	3,828	3,766	3,800	4,104	3,636	3,486	81
Texas	15,384 *	15,273 *	15,323*	15,290	103	12,189 *	12,169 *	12,204 *	12,277 *	12,292 *	12,122	100
Virginia	6,561	6,588	6,467	6,363	96	5,186	5,211	5,585	5,378	5,963	5,716	100
CA,LA,MO,TN,WV	20,808	20,906	20,673*	20,559	100	21,917	18,713	20,475	19,466	20,022 *	19,249	89
Total 2002	213,475*	213,774*	212,883 *	212,701		172,835*	171,343*	171,314 *	171,748 *	172,832*	174,510	
Total 2001	210,697	211,382	210,296	209,517		169,232	169,409	168,987	168,596	171,364	171,583	
% PREV. YEAR	101	101	101	102		102	101	101	102	101	102	
<u>APPROXIMATE</u>	MARKETIN	IG DATE 20	02	••••••	. 22-Jun	29-Jun	06-Jul	13-Jul	20-Jul	27-Jul		

^{*} Revised.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 213 million eggs during the week ending June 8, 2002. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 8, 2002. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through June 8, 2002 were 3.91 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.

^{1/} Current week as percent of the same week last year.